

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

LETTUCE

'Sniper'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this nineteenth day of April, in the year two thousand and five.

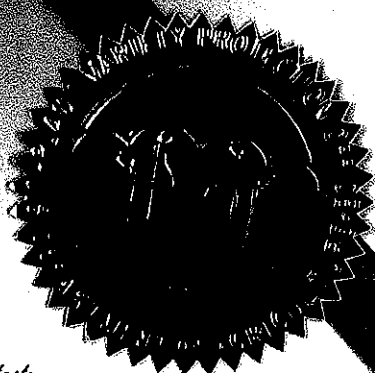
Attest:

[Signature]

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

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Secretary of Agriculture



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.

2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER

PSR 3879

3. VARIETY NAME

'Sniper'

8/16/04
JRM

4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)

37437 State Hwy 16
Woodland CA 95695
2700 Camino del Sol
Oxnard CA
93030-7967

6. TELEPHONE (include area code)

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DATE

12/06/99

7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME

Lactuca Sativa L.

8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)

Asteraceae

9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name)

Lettuce

FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE:

\$ 2450.00

DATE

12/06/99

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)

Corporation

CERTIFICATION FEE:

\$ 432.00

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION

California

12. DATE OF INCORPORATION

1962

DATE

3/31/2005

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16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instru

- a. ☒ Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety
b. ☒ Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness
c. ☒ Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety
d. ☐ Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional)
e. ☒ Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership
f. ☒ Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository)
g. ☐ Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)

17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)

YES (If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below)

NO (If "no," go to item 20)

18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?

☐ YES☒ NO

19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?

☐ FOUNDATION☐ REGISTERED☐ CERTIFIED

20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

☒ YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates)☐ NO

USA

Dec. 1999

21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate.

The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))

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NAME (Please print or type)

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T. Kramer

CAPACITY OR TITLE

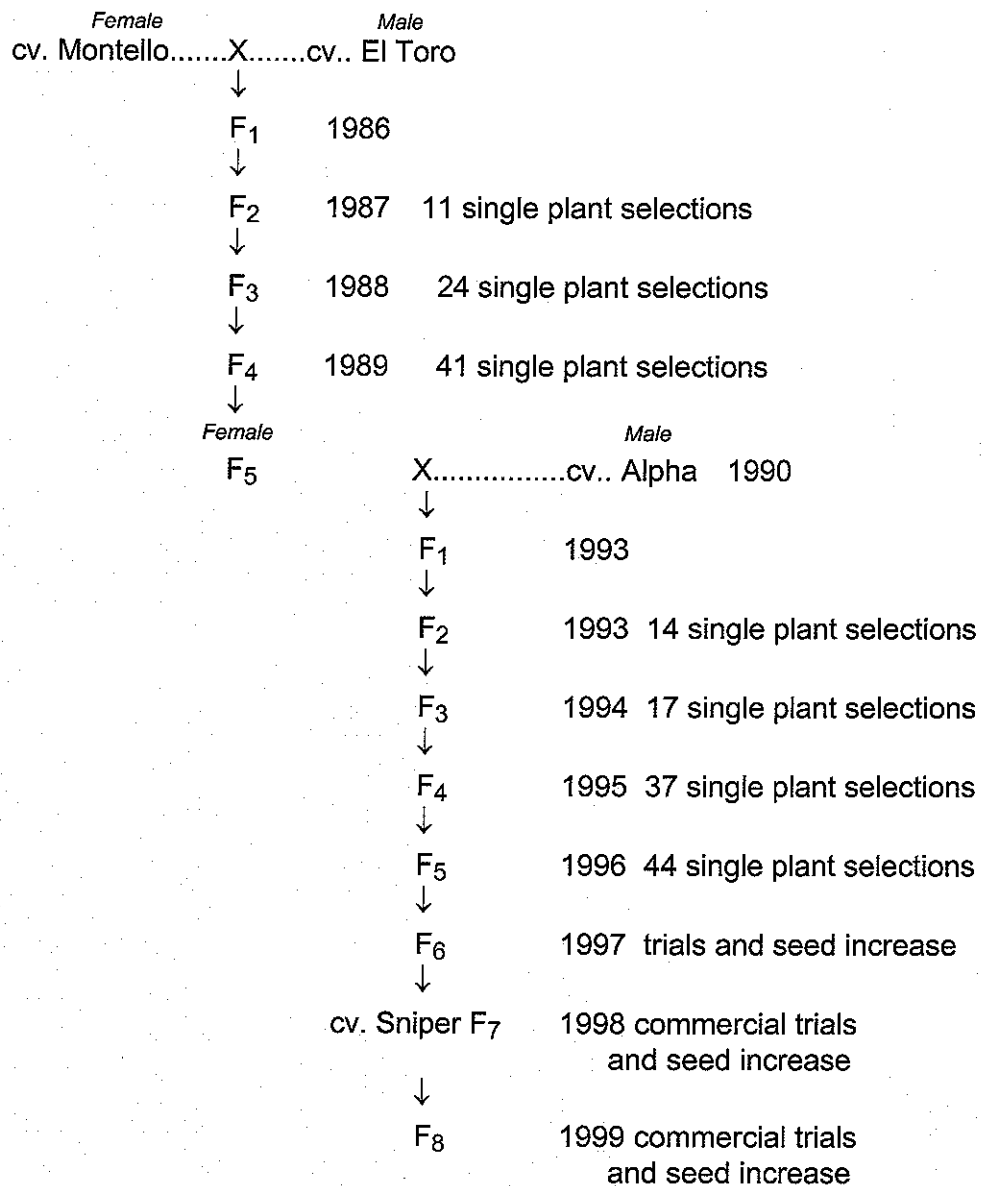
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CAPACITY OR TITLE

DATE

Director

12-3-99

Exhibit 16A. Origin and Breeding History of Lettuce cv. Sniper (SVR 3879)**Pedigree of cv. SNIPER**

Cv. SNIPER originated in 1986 with the cross cv. Montello by cv. El Toro. An F₅ selection from this cross was crossed in 1990 to cv. Alpha. Single plant selections were made in subsequent years in the areas of intended commercialization. By F₆ a group of 11 families was judged uniform and bulked for trialing and seed increase. An F₇ mass was trialed extensively during 1998 and increase of F₈ seed was produced in the San Joaquin Valley of California the same year.

Exhibit 16A (cont.) Lettuce cv. Sniper (SVR 3879)

The initial breeding work (up to the final F₃) was carried out at the former Royal Sluis Company's Research Station at San Juan Bautista, California by Mr. Dean Gregg and Mr. Keith Trammell. When Royal Sluis Company was purchased by Petoseed Company in 1994, further breeding and trialing work was carried out by Dr. William Waycott at the Petoseed Company's Research Station at Arroyo Grande, California. Petoseed Company was purchased by Seminis Vegetables Seeds, Inc. in 1995, and the work continued by the same staff at the Arroyo Grande location until the present. Replicated field trials were conducted in production areas throughout the coastal areas of Central California.

The breeding method employed was pedigree selection, using both single plant and mass selection practices. The selection criterion for cv. SNIPER was to breed a cultivar with increased uniformity, and improved heading appearance, when compared to the most similar variety.

In trials of cv. SNIPER during the **last seven years covering generations F₆ to F₁₃**, we have seen neither genetic variants nor off-types in more than 18,000 plants, **indicating that this variety is genetically uniform and stable.**

Exhibit 16B. Novelty Statement of Lettuce cv. Sniper (SVR 3879)

cv. SNIPER is described as a vigorous crisphead lettuce cultivar adapted to the coastal growing areas of California. Its optimum sowing period is from February through mid-August in the production areas of Coastal California. Cv. SNIPER has downy mildew resistance to California pathotypes I, II, III, and IV, as well as the cor gene conferring resistance to corky root rot, strain CA I. Cv. SNIPER was selected for improved uniformity and performance compared to the current commercial cultivars grown during this production period in the coastal areas of California.

Phenotypically, cv. SNIPER is distinct from its most similar commercial cultivar, cv. Sharp Shooter (**Table 1**). Cv. SNIPER is equal in head and plant size to cv. Sharp Shooter (**head diameter 20.1cm vs. 20.0cm; plant diameter 46.4cm vs. 46.7cm**), but more uniform in head formation and appearance. In replicated field trials, cv. SNIPER consistently exhibited more plants with round, firm, and heavy heads (**1002g vs. 926.25g**), while cv. Sharp Shooter exhibited less uniformity of heading, with several plants having mis-shaped heads, and protruding lower ribs (petioles).

The data presented here are statistically different at the 95% confidence level, exhibiting a range of means for head weight from 1000.6 to 1003.4 for cv. SNIPER and from 924.7 to 927.8 for cv. Sharp Shooter, using the 0.95 probability of generating confidence intervals (CI) that contains the means.

Table 1. Evaluation of Sniper (SVR 3879) and the most similar cultivar, Sharp Shooter, for several important characters.

Trial No	Cultivar	Rep No.	Color ^a	Downy		Corky	Root Rot Plant	Head Diam. ^e	Head Weight ^f	No. of Days to 15 cm ^g	Petiole Shape ^h
				Mildew Resist. ^b	Resist. ^c						
Trial 1: Evaluated: 27 Jul 98 Salinas Valley	Sniper:	Rep. 1	146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	47.0±0.9	20.3±0.4	1010±6.6	61	Flat	
		Rep. 2	146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	46.3±0.7	20.2±0.5	996±6.1	62	Flat	
		Average:		146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	46.7±0.8	20.3±0.5	1003±6.4	62	Flat
		Sharp Shooter:		Rep. 1	146A	I,IIa,III,IV	Resist.	46.8±1.2	19.5±0.6	922±7.1	64
Trial 2: Evaluated: 11 Aug 98 Salinas Valley	Sniper:	Rep. 2	146A	I,IIa,III,IV	Resist.	47.3±1.0	20.3±1.1	930±6.2	62	Protruding	
		Average:		146A	I,II,III,IV	Resist.	47.1±1.1	19.9±0.9	926±6.7	63	Protruding
		Rep. 1	146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	45.8±0.9	20.3±0.7	992±6.1	63	Flat	
		Rep. 2	146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	46.5±0.8	19.6±0.5	1010±6.2	61	Flat	
Sharp Shooter:	Sharp Shooter:	Average:		146A	II, III, IV	Resist.	46.2±0.9	20.0±0.6	1001±6.2	62	Flat
		Rep. 1	146A	I,IIa,III,IV	Resist.	46.7±1.2	20.1±1.2	927±6.7	62	Protruding	
		Rep. 2	146A	I,IIa,III,IV	Resist.	46.1±1.3	20.2±0.7	926±7.0	63	Protruding	
		Average:		146A	I,II,III,IV	Resist.	46.4±1.3	20.2±1.0	927±6.9	63	Protruding

Range of variation among means of statistically significant differences at the 95% level using the confidence interval [CI = mean ± (SDXSE)]:

cv. Sniper
cv. Sharp Shooter
1000.6 to 1003.4
924.7 to 927.8

^a Color evaluation was done using the Royal Horticultural Society color chart, U.K.

^b Downy mildew survey reported as resistance to California Pathotypes I through V, using two replications each having 15 seedlings, grown in laboratory screens.

^c Corky root rot survey of using five replications, each having 25 roots from plants grown in field trials in Monterey and Santa Maria Counties, CA, evaluated between June and August, 1997 and 1998.

^d Mean plant diameter using two sowing dates of 20 plants per replication in cm ± standard deviation.

^e Mean head diameter using two sowing dates of 20 plants per replication in cm ± standard deviation.

^f Mean head weight using two sowing dates of 20 plants per replication in grams ± standard deviation.

^g Mean number of days until stem reaches 15 cm using two replications of 20 plants each.

^h Verbal description of the leaf petiole using two replications of 20 plants each. "Flat" describes a petiole with a depth (front to back) of 0 to 15 mm measured near the point of leaf attachment to the stem. "Protruding" describes a petiole with a depth of 15 to 30 mm.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION
OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
LETTUCE Lactuca sativa

EXHIBIT

NAME OF APPLICANT (S)

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.

ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)

37437 State Hwy 16
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PHOTO NUMBER

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VARIETY NAME

SNIPER

MAH
3/31/05

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION

PSR 3879

Place numbers in the boxes for the characters which best describe this variety. Measured data should be the mean of an appropriate number (at least 10) of well spaced plants. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized color standard may be used to determine plant colors.

The location of the test area is:

Color System Used:

1. PLANT TYPE: (See list of suggested check varieties page 4.)

06

01=Cutting/Leaf

05=Great Lakes Group

09=Stem

02=Butterhead

06=Vanguard Group

10=Latin

03=Bibb

07=Imperial Group

11=OTHER

04=Cos or Romaine

08=Eastern (Ithaca) Group

2. SEED:

COLOR

LIGHT DORMANCY

HEAT DORMANCY

2

1=White (Silver Gray)

1=Light Required

1=Susceptible

2=Black (Gray Brown)

2

2=Light Not Required

2=Not Susceptible

3=Brown (Amber)

3. COTYLEDON TO FOURTH LEAF STAGE: NOTE: Provide a color photograph or photocopy of the fourth leaf from 20 day old seedling grown under optimal conditions.

2

SHAPE OF COTYLEDONS:

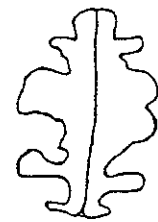
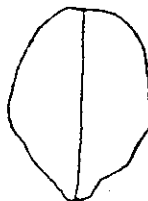
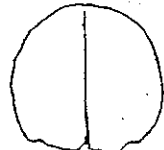
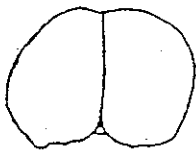
1=Broad

2=Intermediate

3=Spatulate

4

SHAPE OF FOURTH LEAF:



1

2

3

4

5

6

22

LENGTH/WIDTH INDEX OF FOURTH LEAF: L/W x 10

2

APICAL MARGIN:

1=Entire

4=Moderately Dentate

7=Lobed

2

BASAL MARGIN:

2=Crenate/Gnawed

5=Coarsely Dentate

8=OTHER (specify)

3=Finely Dentate

6=Incised

2

UNDULATION:

1=Flat

2=Slight

3=Medium

4=Marked

3

GREEN COLOR:

1=Yellow Green

3=Medium Green

5=Blue Green

7=Gray Green

2=Light Green

4=Dark Green

6=Silver Green

ANTHOCYANIN:

1

DISTRIBUTION:

1=Absent

3=Spotted

5=OTHER (specify)

2=Margin Only

4=Throughout

-

CONCENTRATION:

1=Light

2=Moderate

3=Intense

1

ROLLING:

1=Absent

2=Present

1

CUPPING:

1=Uncupped

2=Slight

3=Markedly

1

REFLEXING:

1=None

2=Apical Margin

3=Lateral Margins

4. MATURE LEAVES (observe harvest-mature outer leaves):

NOTE: Provide color photo of harvest-mature leaves which accurately shows color and margin characteristics.

MARGIN:

<input type="checkbox"/> 2	INCISION DEPTH: (deepest penetration of the margin)	1=Absent/Shallow (Dark Green Boston)	2=Moderate (Vanguard)	3=Deep (Great Lakes 659)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	INDENTATION: (finest divisions of the margin)	1=Entire (Dark Green Boston)	3=Deeply Dentate (Great Lakes 659)	5=OTHER (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	UNDULATION OF THE APICAL MARGIN:	2=Shallowly Dentate (Great Lakes 65)	4=Crenate (Vanguard)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2		1=Absent/Slight (Dark Green Boston)	2=Moderate (Vanguard)	3=Strong (Great Lakes 659)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	GREEN COLOR:	1=Very Light Green (Bibb)	3=Medium Green (Great Lakes)	5=Very Dark Green
		2=Light Green (Minetto)	4=Dark Green (Vanguard)	6=OTHER
ANTHOCYANIN (grown at or below 10 C):				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	DISTRIBUTION:	1=Absent	3=Spotted (Calif. Cream Butter)	5=OTHER (specify)
		2=Margin Only (Big Boston)	4=Throughout (Prize Head)	
<input type="checkbox"/> -	CONCENTRATION:	1=Light (Iceberg)	2=Moderate (Prize Head)	3=Intense (Ruby)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	SIZE:	1=Small	2=Medium	3=Large
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	GLOSSINESS:	1=Dull (Vanguard)	2=Moderate (Salinas)	3=Glossy (Great Lakes)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	BLISTERING:	1=Absent/Slight (Salinas)	2=Moderate (Vanguard)	3=Strong (Prize Head)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	LEAF THICKNESS:	1=Thin	2=Intermediate	3=Thick
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	TRICHOMES:	1=Absent (smooth)	2=Present (spiny)	

5. PLANT (at market stage. Choose a comparison variety appropriate for this type.):

<input type="checkbox"/> 46	SPREAD OF FRAME LEAVES: cm This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 47	cm SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	HEAD DIAMETER (market trimmed with single cap leaf): cm This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	cm SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	HEAD SHAPE:	1=Flattened	3=Spherical
		2=Slightly Flattened	4=Elongate
			5=Non-Heading
			6=OTHER
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	HEAD SIZE CLASS:	1=Small	2=Medium
			3=Large
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	HEAD COUNT PER CARTON		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1002	HEAD WEIGHT: g This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 1927	g SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	HEAD FIRMNESS:	1=Loose	3=Firm
		2=Moderate	4=Very Firm

6. BUTT (bottom of market-trimmed head):

<input type="checkbox"/> 2	SHAPE:	1=Slightly Concave	2=Flat	3=Rounded
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	MIDRIB:	1=Flattened (Salinas)	2=Moderately Raised	3=Prominently Raised (Great Lakes 659)

7. CORE (stem of market-trimmed head):

<input type="checkbox"/> 32	mm Diameter at base of head		
<input type="checkbox"/> 63	Ratio of head diameter/core diameter		
<input type="checkbox"/> 55	Core height from base of head to apex: mm This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 80	mm SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)

8. BOLTING (Give First Water Date 19 MAY 98):

NOTE: First Water Date is the date seed first receives adequate moisture to germinate. This can and often does equal the planting date.

<input type="checkbox"/> 58	Number of days from First Water Date to seed stalk emergence (summer conditions): This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 57	SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	BOLTING CLASS:	1=Very Slow	3=Medium
		2=Slow	4=Rapid
			5=Very Rapid
<input type="checkbox"/> 97	Height of mature seed stalk: cm This Variety	<input type="checkbox"/> 94	cm SHARPSHOOTER (specify comparison variety)

Spread of Bolter Plant (at widest point):

43

cm This Variety

50

cm SHARP SHOOTER (specify comparison variety)

1

BOLTER LEAVES:

1=Straight

2=Curved

2

MARGIN:

1=Entire

2=Dentate

3

COLOR:

1=Light Green

2=Medium Green

3=Dark Green

BOLTER HABIT:

2

TERMINAL
INFLORESCENCE:

1=Absent

2=Present

2

LATERAL SHOOTS:
(above head)

1=Absent

2=Present

1

BASAL SIDE SHOOTS: 1=Absent

2=Present

9. MATURITY (earliness of harvest-mature head formation):

NOTE: Complete this section for at least one season.

SEASON	Applic. 1/ # of days	Check 2/ # of days	CHECK VARIETY 3/
Spring	116	120	SHARP SHOOTER
Summer	68	70	SHARP SHOOTER
Fall	80	83	SHARP SHOOTER
Winter			

Give planting date(s), and location(s):

Spring CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST 1 JANUARY TO 15 AUGUST

Summer CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

Fall CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

Winter

1/ First water date to harvest.

3/ Fill in check variety name on the appropriate line.

10. ADAPTATION:

PRIMARY REGIONS OF ADAPTION (tested and proven adapted):

(0=Not tested

1=Not Adapted

2=Adapted)

1

Southwest (Calif., Ariz. desert)

2

West Coast

0

Northeast

0

Northcentral

0

Southeast

0

OTHER

SEASON:

1

Spring (area

CENTRAL CALIF. COAST

2

Fall (area

CENTRAL CALIF. COAST

2

Summer (area

CENTRAL CALIF. COAST

0

Winter (area

0

GREENHOUSE:

0=Not tested

1=Not Adapted

2=Adapted

1

SOIL TYPE:

1=Mineral

2=Organic

3=Both

11. DISEASES AND STRESS REACTIONS (0=Not tested; 1=Susceptible; 2=Intermediate; 3=Resistant; 4=Highly resistant; 5=Tolerant):

VIRUS

- ☒ Big Vein
☒ Lettuce Mosaic
☐ Cucumber Mosaic
☐ Broad Bean Wilt
☐ Turnip Mosaic
☐ Beet Western Yellows
☐ Lett. Infectious Yellows
☐ Other Virus _____

FUNGAL/BACTERIAL

- ☐ Corky Root Rot (Pythium Root Rot)
☒ Downy Mildew (Races I, II, III, IV)
☐ Powdery Mildew
☐ Sclerotinia Rot
☐ Bacterial Soft Rot (Pseudomonas spp. & others)
☐ Botrytis (Gray Mold)
☒ OTHER Rhizomonas suberifaciens

INSECTS

- ☐ Cabbage Loopers
☐ Root Aphids
☐ Green Peach Aphid
☐ Other Insect _____

PHYSIOLOGICAL/STRESS

- ☒ Tipburn
☐ Salt
☒ Heat
☐ Brown Rib (Rib Discoloration, Rib Blight)
☐ Drought
☐ OTHER _____
☒ Cold

POST HARVEST

- ☐ Pink Rib
☐ Internal Rib Necrosis (Blackheart, Gray Rib, Gray Streak)
☐ Russet Spotting
☐ Brown Stain
☐ Rusty Brown Discoloration

12. BIOCHEMICAL OR ELECTROPHORETIC MARKERS:

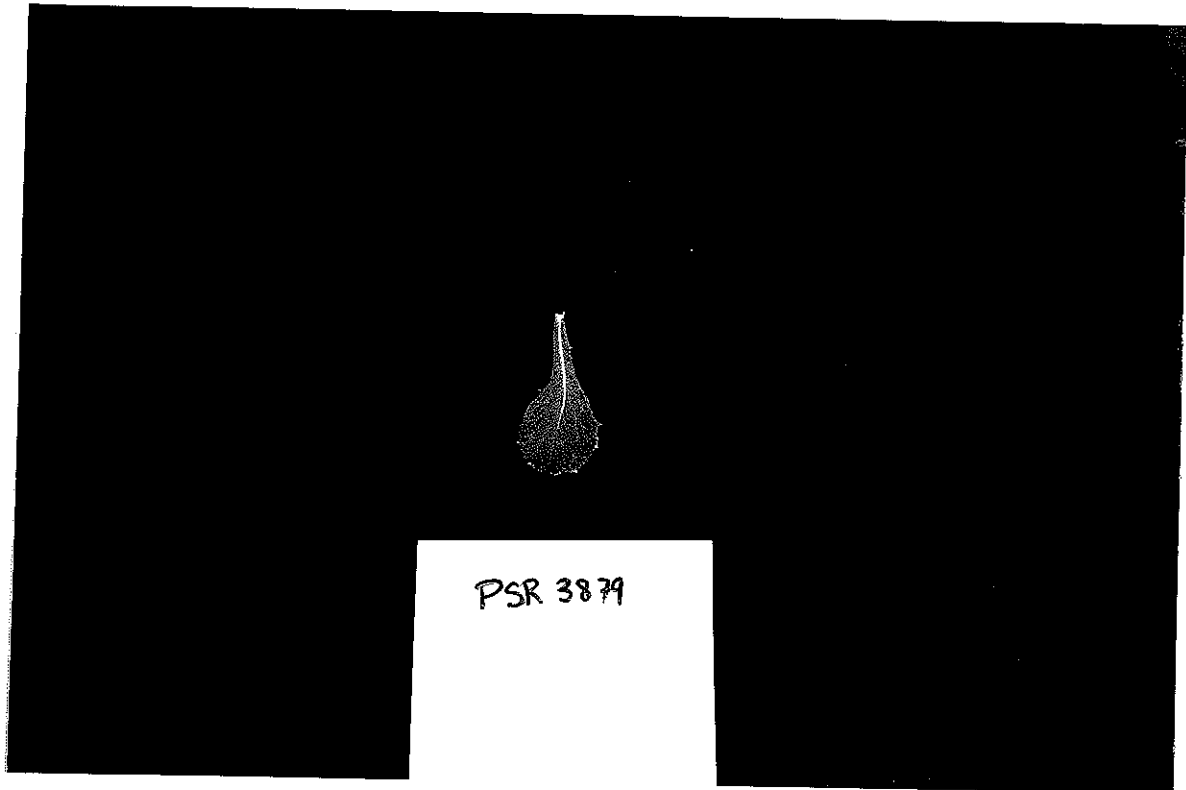
13. COMMENTS:

SUGGESTED CHECK VARIETIESTYPE

- 1) CUTTING/LEAF
 2) BUTTERHEAD
 3) BIBB
 4) COS, OR ROMAINE
 5) GREAT LAKES GROUP
 6) VANGUARD GROUP
 7) IMPERIAL GROUP
 8) EASTERN GROUP
 9) STEM
 10) LATIN

CHECK VARIETY

SALAD BOWL
 DARK GREEN BOSTON
 BIBB
 PARRIS ISLAND
 GREAT LAKES 659-700
 VANGUARD
 VIVA
 ITHACA
 CELTUCE
 MATCHLESS

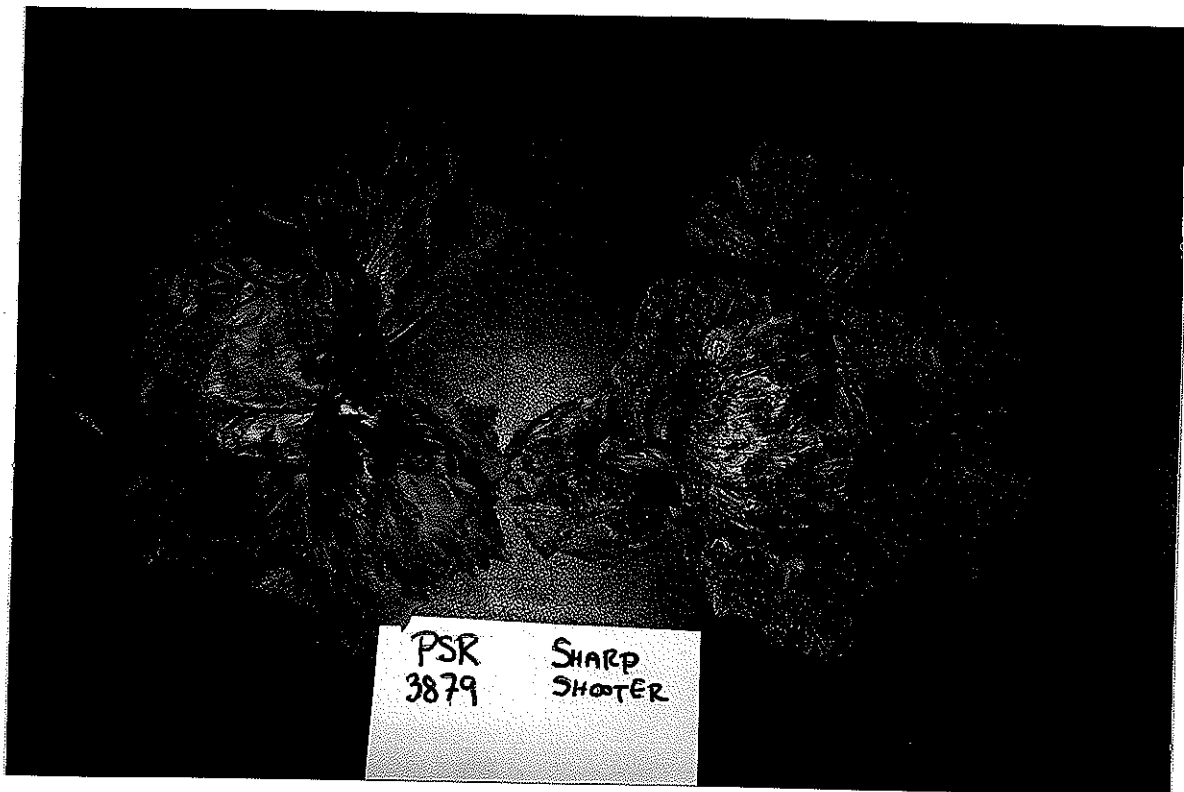


Fourth Leaf from 20-Day old Seedlings, PSR 3879

'SNIPER'
MAH 3/31/2005



Harvest-Mature Leaf, PSR 3879(L), Sharp Shooter (R)



Harvest-Mature Plants, PSR 3879 (L), Sharp Shooter (R)

'Sniper'
MAH 3/31/05

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Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). The information is held confidential until the certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER PSR 3879	3. VARIETY NAME Sniper
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP and Country) 2700 Camino del Sol Oxnard, CA 93030-7967	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 805 647 1572	6. FAX (include area code) 805 918 2545
7. PVPO NUMBER 200000074		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the appropriate block. If no, please explain

☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. National or a U.S. based company? If no, give name of country

☒ YES ☐ NO
10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If the original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. National(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

b. If the original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use the reverse for extra space):

The variety named in this application was developed by the Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc., employee (breeder) named below. By agreement between employee and Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc., all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by an employee are assigned to the Company. No rights to such invention, discovery, or development are retained by the employee.

Employee (Breeder): Bill Waycott

Site Location: Arroyo Grande, CA

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licensees) who meet the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed the final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definitions.

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